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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

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Mr. Kevin Willis
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Airport Safety and Standards
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20591

Re: New Orleans Lakefront Airport
Preliminary Application -
Airport Privatization Pilot Program

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF AIRPORT SAFETY AND STANDARDS
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Dear Mr. Willis:

You will find enclosed a certified copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District approving and ratifying the Preliminary Application for an Exemption under 49 U.S.C. §47134 for Privatization of the Lakefront Airport submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration on March 1, 2000. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will assume that this Resolution satisfies the request identified as Item A in Mr. Bennett's letter of May 17, 2000.

Reiterating what was stated in my letter of June 22nd, please advise me if anything further is needed for the FAA to make a determination whether the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Preliminary Application is sufficient to qualify for a March 2nd filing date and acceptance for review by the FAA.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


GERARD G. METZGER

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cc: David L. Bennett, Director, Office of Airport Safety and Standards
Steve Steckler, President, IMG, Inc.
Hon. James P. Huey, President, OLD
Hon. Gen. James E. Livingston, Commissioner, OLD
Hon. Robert E. Smith-Lupo, Commissioner, OLD
Hon. Marlin N. Gusman, Commissioner, OLD
Hon. Patricia W. Harris, Commissioner, OLD
Max L. Hearn, Executive Director, OLD
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OF THE

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June 26, 2000

Mr. Gerard G. Metzger
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Re: New Orleans Lakefront Airport
Preliminary Application –
Airport Privatization Pilot Program

Dear Mr. Metzger:

In accordance with your letter dated June 22, 2000, enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 4-062100.

Sincerely,

Max Hearn
Executive Director

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Enclosure

MOTION: 3-062100
RESOLUTION: 4-062100
BY: President James P. Huey
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Patricia W. Harris

June 21, 2000

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District ("District") owns, operates and manages the New Orleans Lakefront Airport ("Airport"), located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain, in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the present and anticipated budgetary problems, the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District ("Board") has directed the District's staff to identify and reduce certain costs and expenses of the District, and to identify ways to enhance revenues for the District, and

WHEREAS, reducing costs and expenses and increasing revenues from the operation of the Airport is essential in dealing with the budgetary problems confronting the District, and

WHEREAS, a means of achieving the objective of efficiently operating the Airport is to privatize its operations, through an operations agreement with a private company qualified to manage and operate a general aviation airport, and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Congress enacted the Airport Privatization Pilot Program, 49 U.S.C. § 47134, et seq., to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and through delegation, the FAA Administrator, to grant exemption from certain Federal statutes and regulations and FAA Grant Assurances, for up to five airport privatization projects, and

WHEREAS, to successfully privatize an airport, the FAA must exempt an airport sponsor from its obligations under FAA Grant Assurances, including FAA Grant Assurances requiring that revenues generated by an airport be used exclusively for the expenses associated with the operations of an airport

and requiring that the sponsor of an airport return airport property, or the fair market value of the property, deeded by the Federal government to an airport upon transfer of the airport to a third party, and

WHEREAS, without obtaining exemptions from the FAA Assurances under the Airport Privatization Pilot Program, the Orleans Levee Board would not be able to privatize the New Orleans Lakefront Airport for the benefit of the Orleans Levee District, and

WHEREAS, the Board passed Resolution No. 5-021600 on February 16, 2000, giving its President, James P. Huey, authority to take any and all actions in the pursuit of privatizing the operations of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, and

WHEREAS, the Board and its advisor, Infrastructure Management Group, Inc., submitted a Preliminary Application for an Exemption under 49 U.S.C. §47134 for Privatization of the Lakefront Airport to the FAA on March 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, officials with the FAA have requested that the Board approve and ratify the Preliminary Application filed on behalf of the Board on March 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, officials with the FAA have indicated to the Board that there may be supplemental documents required to be submitted to their office in connection with the Preliminary Application.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board approves and ratifies the Preliminary Application for an Exemption under 49 U.S.C. §47134 for Privatization of the Lakefront Airport submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration on March 1, 2000, and approves and ratifies the execution of said Preliminary Application by the Board's President, James P. Huey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board's President, James P. Huey, is authorized to submit any additional documents on behalf of the Board as requested by the FAA for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport to qualify under the Airport Privatization Pilot Program..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President is hereby authorized to sign any and all other documents necessary to carry out the above.

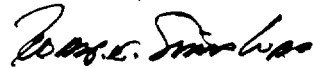
AYES: Commissioners Cain, Carter, Gusman, Harris,
Landry, Livingston and Lupo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: Yes

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED TO
BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.



ROBERT E. SMITH LUPO, SECRETARY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT